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Attached is a description of WJW Television news programming addressing the key concerns and issues of this community during the period of January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

During the first quarter of 2006 the following issues were addressed by WJW.

- Education
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EDUCATION

Issue: Cleveland Schools CEO

News January 9, 2006 5:00AM TRT 1:45 Local
Cleveland's school CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett is leaving, but it may surprise some to find out she could be working for Cleveland State by the end of the month. The University's president says Byrd-Bennett will begin work soon in a non-faculty position focused on shaping teacher curriculum and helping with leadership programs for teachers. She has faced a lot of challenges during her tenure here, criticism over her large salary and bonuses, major teacher cuts, a school bus scandal and much more. She originally planned to stay for up to a year while the successor was chosen. The decision about who will fill the gap left by Byrd-Bennett's departure is expected at tomorrow's School Board meeting.

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News February 9, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:33 Local
As the search continues for a new Cleveland schools CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett is preparing for her last day on the job tomorrow. She will participate in her last school board meeting tonight. The first CEO, under a district reorganization plan, Byrd-Bennett served under three Cleveland mayors. During her tenure, drop out rates declined in double digits. That still left half of all the city's public school students flunking out or dropping out. The last levy request went down in flames, as Byrd-Bennett's approval ratings dipped. The CEO leaves with an estimated \$100,000 package of unused sick days and vacation time, courtesy of the taxpayers. School officials also plan to present her with a glass plaque. She'll be honored at a privately funded reception at the Ritz Carlton tomorrow night. The search for the replacement is now underway.

News January 10, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:00 Local
Tonight, School Board members paid tribute to the controversial CEO, Barbara Byrd-Bennett. On February 10 she will step down as CEO of Cleveland schools. She acknowledged her seven years as CEO were not always easy. During that time, she became a polarizing figure, as many teachers were laid off and schools were shut down. Her daughter and husband both presented her with flowers and board members and members of the community all thanked her for her years of service.

Byrd-Bennett's has accepted a job at Cleveland State as an executive in residence. Tonight, she recommended that Lisa Ruda, the district's chief of staff, become interim CEO. Board members say they will present a list of semi-finalists on February 28 and will go from there. Tonight, they mentioned some of the characteristics they'll be looking for, such as emphasis on student achievement, good public relation skills and being able to relate to politics without being a politician.

Additional reports

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News February 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:15 Local
The search for Cleveland schools next CEO is apparently somewhere around 30 applicants. A national expert says school executives may see one or two top flight educators put their names in the hat before finalists are announced next week.

News February 28, 2006 10:00PM TRT 0:30 Local
There are now five possible candidates to replace former Cleveland school CEO, Barbara Byrd-Bennett. Three of the five are from Northeast Ohio. They include William Denihan, Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board CEO, the principal of Cleveland's Forest Hill Parkway

Academy, Linda Hardwick, Toledo City School Superintendent, Eugene Sanders, all from Ohio. The two out of state choices are, School Superintendent Percy Clark from Pasadena and Chief Academic Officer, Nancy McGinley of Charleston South Carolina. The school board plans to interview the candidates this weekend. They will then narrow the list from five to three.

News	March 3, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:37	Local
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One of the candidates for Cleveland School CEO has dropped out, amid reports of an alleged affair and an attempted overdose. Do a Google search for Percy Clark and within seconds we were able to find he was fired from a suburban Indianapolis school district for lying about a sexual affair he had with a principal, and even more alarming accusations that surfaced at the same time. The free search reveals what an agency paid thousands to evaluate candidates didn't bother to tell the Cleveland school board. The School Board reports they were told that there was an indiscretion in his background ten years ago and that he and his wife had patched things up and he had moved on. School Board President Lawrence Davis says the details of the indiscretion were actually revealed by Clark's local newspaper in California. School Board members believe the incident does not damage the credibility of the remaining candidates who must also have the blessing of Mayor Frank Jackson. The head of Cleveland's teachers union believes Clark should never have gotten to the top five.

Additional reports

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News	March 4, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:30	Local
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Today the Cleveland School Board trimmed the field of finalists for the CEO's job to three candidates. Among them is Dr. Nancy McGinley. She spent most of her career with the Philadelphia schools, and is currently chief academic officer for the Charleston County School District in South Carolina. Another finalist is William Denihan. He's never run a school district before, but the Cleveland resident brings a wealth of experience as an administrator. He's led agencies and departments for the state of Ohio, the county, and city of Cleveland, from the Highway Patrol to Children's Services and Mental Health. Board members interviewed Denihan and McGinley Saturday. The third finalist was interviewed Friday night, Dr. Eugene Sanders. He is superintendent of the Toledo schools. Sanders spearheaded successful levy campaigns in Toledo. Sanders launched Toledo into a major school rebuilding program.

The three finalists will undergo more thorough criminal background checks and interviews before the final selection is made. The candidates have a rigorous schedule of meetings, tours and interviews next week. They'll be meeting with City Council and Mayor Frank Jackson. Under current law, he has the right to give a thumbs up or thumbs down to the school board's choice.

Additional reports

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News	March 6, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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Three candidates are left in the search for a new CEO for the Cleveland school district. Each will be in the spotlight one day this week.

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One of the three finalists to lead the Cleveland schools tells why he thinks he's right for the job. His name is Eugene Sanders, currently in charge of the Toledo schools. He's doing the whirlwind tour thing. Sanders' resume includes time as a teacher, principal and administrator. He's actually written a textbook on operating urban school districts. He's run the Toledo schools for six years and says he's a man of passion, reform and action. Sanders says he's ready for Cleveland's massive challenge. He's fully aware of the dire financial situation in the Cleveland

schools but he says he's helped get five levies approved in Toledo and says it can be done in Cleveland.

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The interviewing is ending. Nancy McGinley has big city experience in Philadelphia and says she's prepared her entire life to be in charge of a large city district like Cleveland. She's big on safe and orderly schools. She says students who can't meet the behavioral code need to be sent to restrictive alternative schools. As for the controversies that have ripped into public confidence in the schools, she says a big priority will be early childhood education, getting kids ready to start kindergarten on an even playing field.

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News	March 9, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:50	Local

News	March 11, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
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Today the School Board decided that either Toledo Superintendent Eugene Sanders, or Nancy McGinley, Chief Academic Officer of Charleston South Carolina schools is right for the job. William Denihan, chief executive of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board was eliminated from the search today. The next move for the board is to go on site visits for each of the candidates. The board hopes to choose a CEO in late March or early April.

Additional reports

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School Board President Larry Davis, and other search committee members went to Toledo to watch Toledo Superintendent Dr. Eugene Sanders at work first hand. By being on site, the search committee hopes to get a more through picture of Sanders abilities. A second search team was in South Carolina today interviewing teachers and parents regarding Charleston Chief Academic Officer Nancy McGinley, the other finalist for the Cleveland CEO position.

Additional reports

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News	March 30, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
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We begin tonight with breaking news. Moments ago, the Cleveland city school's named a new chief executive officer. Dr. Eugene Sanders is the choice of the Cleveland School Board. Dr. Sanders has been serving as superintendent of Toledo's schools. He was born in Sandusky and has been a teacher, principal and author. The boards vote tonight was unanimous. The selection must now be approved by Mayor Frank Jackson.

News	March 31, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
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After years of controversy and weeks of searching, the Cleveland School District has a new CEO. Eugene Sanders, the superintendent of Toledo schools is the one they chose. The school board says this was a tough one but in the end he had exactly what they were looking for. He was born in Sandusky and works in Ohio. He knows the way the laws and the funding work in this state. And he understands what Cleveland schools need. Board members like what he's accomplished in Toledo and they'd like to see the same happen with Cleveland schools. The board's vote was unanimous. Mayor Jackson has to give his approval and they have to negotiate

a contract with Dr. Sanders. The board says Sanders already resigned from Toledo effective August 31. We expect to hear from the mayor later today.

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News March 31, 2006 5:00PM TRT 0:53 Local
 Earlier today Mayor Jackson released a statement saying he agrees with the school board's decision and commended Sanders' solid track record.

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GOVERNMENT/CITY

Issue: Traffic Cameras

News	January 25, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:54	Local
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Cleveland's traffic cameras have been up and running for more than a month, and now we know where most drivers are getting ticketed. 97% of the tickets handed out in the first month of operation went to drivers at East 71st and Chester mostly for speeding. From November 30 through yesterday, more than 4100 tickets were issued, generating \$156,000 in fines. City officials say the cameras at 71st and Chester were the first installed and it's a heavily traveled commuter route. Right now only 6 cameras are operating in four locations, in addition to six mobile cameras in school zones. Eventually 30 cameras will be catching drivers who run red lights or speed.

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News	January 27, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:00	Local
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Are the red light camera's about to be turned off? One local man hoped so and took the city to court today. A local man is suing the city because he believes these cameras are unconstitutional and wants them removed. They came to court to stop the red light traffic cameras but after a half hour behind closed doors, at least for now, the cameras stay on. Attorney Tom Terry represents Michael McNamara. He says the traffic cameras violated his client's rights and they're appealing the ticket. Other drivers are equally upset with the cameras and there is talk of a class action lawsuit.

Terry says many people believe the cameras are less about safety and more about money. Recent numbers show they've already raised hundreds of thousand dollars for the city. Attorney Terry says they're prepared to take their fight all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court. The next court date has not been set. Just a reminder if you run a red light it will cost you \$100; speeding is \$200.

Additional reports

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News	February 8, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 5:30	Local
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It is the most controversial new weapon in traffic enforcement: Cleveland's automated red light cameras. Tonight, the I-Team reveals some people sworn to uphold the law are trying to find a way around it. Some Cleveland police officers are taking the law into their own hands. One officer came forward to us if we agreed to hide his face and alter his voice. Plate covers are the hot topic. These plate covers are clear from straight behind. But at an angle, some of the plate blurs supposedly making it impossible for the cameras to read the license and issue the ticket. When the I-Team checked personal cars parked in police lots, several had the special plate covers.

They don't keep a count, but Jimmy Malone, of local radio station WMJI, estimates 85-90% of the callers are against the cameras. Malone says he agrees with the callers who say the cameras aren't about safety as much as money, and are placed to catch more suburbanites who don't vote in city elections. While it's easy to see the money raised for the city in the first month, Malone says it's harder to measure the money that's lost by a mindset the cameras can create.

The officer who sat down with us acknowledged that a fellow officer might not give a cop a ticket, but a camera will. But he says the objections go beyond that which is why more officers will likely get the plate covers. If an officer pulls you over, you can get points on your license, or even get arrested if the officer has reason to do so. Since the camera doesn't know who is driving, the fine goes to the car and the driver gets no points, and has no possibility of arrest.

Is it fair that you and I could commit the same violation and be treated differently? If you were caught by a police officer and I was caught by a camera. We put that question to the new city council president, Martin Sweeney, who replied "It's just another tool to give law enforcement agencies the opportunity to cite people for breaking the law basically." After repeated questions by the I-Team's Bill Sheil, Sweeney would not answer the question directly.

As to whether the plate covers are legal, they appear to be. Law Director Robert Triozzi says in Cleveland the law prohibits obstructing your plate but it is silent on the question of whether a plate that's visible from behind, but obstructed from an angle is legal. Something has to be made specifically illegal to be against the law. It is possible City Council might attempt to pass a law banning plate covers but Sweeney says he doesn't have a passion for passing such a law, as some other states have done.

Additional reports

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Authorities have already caught a lot of people who run red lights or drive too fast, in Cleveland. Another city could soon be putting up traffic cameras. We are at Euclid and Shaw, a particularly troublesome intersection to one East Cleveland council member who has proposed putting up traffic cameras here. Disturbed by pedestrian accidents and close calls along Euclid Avenue, Council Vice-President Mildred Brewer says she initially proposed the cameras for safety reasons only. Money is also on council's mind. The Cleveland suburb has struggled to rise out of some serious budget problems, but still faces deficits. Some feel the proposal is an attempt to squeeze money out of people who can least afford it. The council president says whatever they make from the cameras it won't be just East Cleveland residents paying the fines. Council will take up the proposal when it meets tomorrow night.

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There's new controversy about the speed cameras in Cleveland and it has nothing to do with getting tickets, but rather how they look. Cleveland City Councilman Jay Westbrook says the speed cameras are so much bigger and more obtrusive than the red light cameras. He says these large poles and cameras are an eye-sore along the tree lawns of homeowners. Westbrook says maybe they should be painted or moved or maybe even exchanged for a smaller version with the manufacturer. As of now, the speed cameras are still turned off.

Additional reports

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News	March 14, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:11	Local
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Ohio cities, including Cleveland, are racing to install red light cameras even as the Ohio legislature considers new laws that would make them impractical. The Ohio House has already

passed a law requiring police presence in intersections to write a citation. Now the Senate is looking at a plan to require an additional camera to shoot drivers faces. The trauma experts say Ohio can cut 15,000 red light running accidents with cameras, and save lives with a system endorsed by the federal highway administration.

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MORALITY

Issue: Priest Abuse

News	January 5, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 3:14	Local
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Bishop Anthony Pilla has submitted a letter to the Vatican, the first step toward formally retiring. Bishop Pilla is keeping that letter and his reasons for retiring private. He declined all requests for interviews today. At age 73, his decision to step down is not a complete surprise to some of the people who know him well. Catholic bishops are required to submit resignations at age 75. The process for Pope Benedict the 16th to appoint a successor can easily take more than a year.

Bishop Pilla has served as leader of the eight county Catholic Diocese for 25 years. That makes him the longest serving bishop in the Diocese's history. He is also the only Cleveland bishop who was born and raised here. Bishop Pilla had bypass heart surgery in 1997 and was hospitalized with the flu last year. Health concerns may or may not be the issue. The suddenness of the announcement caught many Catholics off guard. Bishop Pilla will likely remain at the helm until a successor is appointed. All eyes will be on the bishop as he celebrates his 25th anniversary at a special mass tomorrow evening at St. John Cathedral.

Additional reports

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News	January 5, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:26	Local
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The most difficult of Anthony Pilla's 25 years as bishop have probably been the last four. The revelations of the clergy sex abuse scandal dealt a blow to the Catholic Church, especially in Cleveland. Fox 8 I-Team reporter Bill Sheil broke many of those stories in his investigations.

The most attention has focused nationally on Boston where the scandal broke first. With over 1000 alleged victims of priests and diocese employees coming forward to prosecutors, Cleveland's scandal is almost double the size of Boston's. There are more difficult questions ahead, but one question has seemed very hard for the Diocese and the bishop to answer. Four years ago, the I-Team first asked the bishop what has seemed the most difficult question for him to answer.

Don Kodger's son Chris was attacked by a priest, James Mulica. The Kodger's entered into a settlement agreement with the Diocese. When the I-Team first broadcast that agreement which bore Bishop Pilla's signature, it confirmed for the first time that Bishop Pilla knew of the accusations against a priest before that priest was moved to other parishes with schools near more children.

The bishop did not resign, but found himself facing a grand jury. It declined to indict the bishop, but the prosecutor made clear what his investigation had found. In 2003, the I-Team learned that of 143 priests investigated, 64 were still in the Cleveland area. The diocese lawyers defeated Fox 8's legal challenge to get the names of all the priests buried in the grand jury records. But there are other legal challenges still ahead, including an on-going federal investigation focusing on the Diocese former chief financial officer, Joe Smith, and whether he may have been involved in a kickback scheme.

At the state capitol, a vote may come next month on a bill that would give sex abuse victims a new right to sue even if the statute of limitation has expired. The bishop has already been deposed for a lawsuit by the Kodger family that goes to trial later this month. In that deposition, the bishop gave his third differing answer to similar versions of that most difficult question,

whether he had moved abusive priests. The bishop and the Diocese will face more public scrutiny at the Kodger trial. If that statute of limitations bill becomes law, many more cases will become public and will likely go to court for years to come.

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News	January 11, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:15	Local
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For the first time ever, a Roman Catholic bishop has broken ranks with the church over the child sex abuse scandal. In Columbus today Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton said he was abused by a priest. Because of that personal experience, he supports a sweeping proposal that would make it easier to sue the church over clergy sex abuse. Bishop Gumbleton is from Detroit, but chose Columbus because Ohio lawmakers will soon decide whether to pass that proposal.

The bill now being considered in the House would allow victims a new one-year right to sue even if their statute of limitations has expired. In his remarks, the bishop said victims are often so ashamed they have had trouble coming forward before older and shorter statutes of limitations expired. The Cleveland Diocese referred us to a news release from the Detroit Diocese which called Bishop Gumbleton's abuse "indeed regrettable" and said it no doubt frames his personal opinion on the matter. Regarding the statute of limitations, the release says, "It has served our society well in protecting the rights of everyone, particularly after a long passage of time."

Late today, the Ohio Catholic Conference faxed a statement saying a new window is unconstitutional. Victims' advocates say the old statute was way too short and that many victims lost their right to sue before they were old enough to come to grips with their abuse. Bishop Gumbleton says the new law is needed because the church has been unable to hold itself accountable.

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News	January 25, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:28	Local
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What's the time limit for filing a lawsuit against churches or priests, for sexual abuse? There have been conflicting court decisions. Today the state's highest court tries to settle it. Right now a victim has one year after turning 18 to report abuse, two years to claim someone failed to protect against the abuse and five years to allege a pattern of corrupt activity. State lawmakers are working on a bill that would dramatically increase those limits.

News	March 27, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:46	Local
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A half dozen bills cracking down on sexual predators are rolling through the Ohio legislature this week, but none more controversial than a proposal aimed at sexually abusive Catholic priests. Both the House and Senate are racing to pass laws requiring long mandatory prison sentences for sex crimes against children. Now the pressure is on to pass a long stalled bill to give sex abuse victims special access to Ohio's civil courts.

These abuse victims say the right to sue criminals protected by the statute of limitations will allow them to make public the names of 71 men who still live in Cuyahoga County. The House Criminal Justice Committee is set to vote on senate bill 17 tomorrow. The Catholic Church says the bill is unconstitutional and they're pushing a registry of un-named, uncharged priests.

News	March 28, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:16	Local
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The Ohio House Judiciary Committee today passed a bill that the Catholic Church says will help protect child sex abuse victims. A victims group calls the bill a sellout. The victims were angry because they learned the committee planned to pass the bill without the so-called look back provision. It would allow victims a one year opportunity to sue even if their statute of limitations had expired.

As lawmakers met in private for an hour, victims waited in the hall outside the door. Moments later, committee members received copies of the new bill without the look-back. The new bill wouldn't allow suits, but calls for a civil registry of sex predators so their names can be known. The old bill reached back to crimes 20 years old. House speaker Jon Husted says the civil registry gives victims everything except the chance at a big payday in court. The Catholic Church agrees and says to try and reach back 20 years and change what was the law at the time is un-American. If the House passes its version, then it will hold a conference with the Senate to work out the differences in the two bills.

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News	March 29, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:14	Local
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Today, the Ohio legislature effectively killed a child sex abuse bill supported by victims in favor of one backed by the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports the bill that would allow priest abusers to be publicly identified through a court process. Because it contains no look-back provision, it effectively bars older victims from suing the church. Republicans countered that no matter how noble the cause, changing a statute of limitations would set a dangerous precedent.

News	March 30, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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A group of clergy sex abuse victims is not giving up its fight to get what it wants from the Ohio legislature. There are two reasons. First, they want the child sex abuse bill that passed, which the victims consider to be a weak substitute, thrown out. Secondly, they believe some lawmakers violated the state's "sunshine law" which requires much of the legislature's business to be done in public.

Tuesday members of the House Judiciary Committee met behind closed doors with the House speaker before coming out with a new version of a child sex abuse bill. Lawmakers meet behind closed doors all the time, but victims say by the time the committee got back to the hearing room, the public's business had been done in secret, and that's illegal. Victims' advocates had wanted a provision in the bill that would allow them a one year window to sue over past abuse even if their statute of limitations has expired. That key provision was taken out of the bill that passed. We placed a call to the Attorney General's office, which represents the legislature in these types of cases. We haven't received a response back.

ENVIRONMENT

Issue: Solon Deer

News	January 16, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:20	Local
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The debate rages on in Solon over a plan to thin the deer-herd. Carol Starcher has lived in Solon for 31 years and she is upset because sharpshooters have killed deer in her neighborhood. She's part of a group who plan to protest the deer-culling program at tomorrow night's City Council meeting. They are in favor of thinning the herd by using other methods like birth control. Other homeowners think the sharpshooters are necessary. Those who allow sharpshooters on private property must inform their neighbors about which days the culling will take place.

Additional reports

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About two-dozen people took part in a protest rally before tonight's City Council meeting in Solon. Opponents are calling the plan to use sharpshooters to kill the deer dangerous and inhumane. Council members say they made the decision to go through with the deer-culling more than a year ago. The sharpshooters have a permit to kill 350 deer through the end of March.

Additional reports

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News	January 18, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:50	Local

News January 19, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:50 Local
Tonight the heated controversy about the deer culling led to criminal charges of stalking. The week started off with a protest at city hall, and now one of those protestors is spending the night behind bars. She is accused of stalking the man heading the deer culling program. When Solon City Council passed an ordinance making it illegal to feed deer during the culling program, the jailed woman ignored it. But that's not why she was arrested.

Solon City police tell Fox 8 the woman was arrested for menacing by stalking. The man she's accused of stalking is Tony Dinicola, a sharpshooter and president of White Buffalo, the company hired to manage the deer culling program. Many fellow protestors knew an arrest was likely. Police say that Belinda Geiger will be spending the night in jail.

Additional reports

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News	January 20, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	January 20, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News January 20, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:40 Local
A Solon woman, accused of stalking a deer hunter, is free after spending a night in jail. Today a judge granted her bond but under serious consequences. Belinda Geiger left the Solon city jail with a lot unheard and plenty to say but she kept it all to herself until her attorney says otherwise.

According to a police report Geiger was following the president of the White Buffalo Company and a sharp shooter hired by the city to manage the deer culling program. Today in court before her release Geiger pleaded not guilty. The judge issued a stalking protection order to stay away from the victim and two of his employees.

Additional reports

News	January 20, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	January 20, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local

News January 26, 2006 6:00AM TRT 0:45 Local
A judge expands a restraining order in a case related to the Solon deer culling project. Until yesterday, only the head of the culling operation was protected from activists opposed to the plan. But now the judge says the order covers all of the sharpshooters.

Additional reports

News	January 26, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 26, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 23, 2006 5:00PM TRT 0:21 Local
The city of Solon now plans to kill 400 deer this year which is 50 more than previously thought. An Ohio Division of Wildlife spokesperson says they're not trying to eradicate the population, just trying to get it down to a reasonable number. More deer may have wandered into Solon from neighboring communities.

CRIME

Issue: Goonies

News February 1, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local
Prosecutors believe the gang known as the Goonies is behind a number of crimes in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood, including a mugging that resulted in the death of an elderly woman. Police say the Goonies have been in operation for about a year. In court Wednesday, the judge dropped charges against several of them because one of the victims failed to show up. Prosecutors believe this victim was intimidated by the father of the gang's alleged ringleader, Ronnie Tramble. Tramble, who turned 17 on Wednesday, found out he will face aggravated murder, robbery, and assault charges and be tried as an adult, a small victory for prosecutors. A pretrial conference is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Additional reports

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News	February 2, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:25	Local
News	February 2, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 2, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News February 2, 2006 Noon TRT 2:00 Local
Prosecutors say they terrorized Slavic Village for more than a year. Last year an elderly woman died after she was mugged. Outside juvenile court a judge must decide whether a group of kids should be tried as adults. Yesterday that was the decision when 17-year old Ronnie Tramble came before the juvenile court judge. Now three of his friends, all under 18, face the same fate. Prosecutors say the 4 boys belong to a gang known as the Goonies. They are charged with killing a 76-year old woman in October, knocking her down, stealing her purse. She hit her head on the pavement and later died.

Tramble will stand trial as an adult, charged with aggravated murder, robbery and assault. Prosecutors expect him to testify against the others when this goes to court. In a strange twist, charges were dropped against three other boys yesterday because investigators say Tramble's father scared the victim out of testifying. In all 14 boys are accused of horrible crimes that spanned nearly a year.

News February 2, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:28 Local
Three members of the Goonies gang faced a judge today. The State wants them tried as adults for the murder of an elderly woman. The teens, ages 15 and 16, are accused of terrorizing residents in Cleveland's Slavic village neighborhood. The sister of one victim testified how a purse snatching led to her sister's death. A deputy coroner says the death was a direct result of injuries caused when her head hit a concrete step in the assault.

The hearings in juvenile court will determine if six of a dozen gang members will be bound over to Common Pleas Court to face prosecution as adults. One of the Goonies, Ronnie Tramble, has agreed to testify against the three companions who like himself are accused of aggravated murder.

Prosecutors continued to have problems lining up witnesses for the hearings. Robbery charges had to be dropped against three boys Tuesday after a victim says he was intimidated by the father of two of the gang members. Those problems continued today when two girls who may have witnessed the attack disappeared and failed to show up in court to testify.

Additional reports

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News	February 3, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local

News February 6, 2006 10:00PM TRT 0:50 Local
Several teenage members of the alleged Goonies gang were in Juvenile Court in Cleveland today to decide if they should be tried as adults for murder. The boys are accused in the death of a 76-year-old Slavic Village woman who died after being mugged last October. One of the teens, 17-year-old Ronnie Tramble, agreed to a plea deal, which called for him to testify against the three other boys. Prosecutors say over a dozen alleged gang members terrorized Slavic Village residents in a crime spree last year. The hearing wraps up with closing arguments tomorrow.

News February 7, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:50 Local
Lawyers for three teens accused of being members of the Goonies gang argue the state failed to prove the teen's actions led to murder. The hearing which wrapped up today in Juvenile Court will determine if three 15 and 16 year olds will be tried as adults for aggravated murder, robbery and assault. The states evidence is shaky at best since witness statements implicating them were contradictory. They say there's no proof of a gang plot. Judge Alison Floyd says she'll decide by February 13 if the remaining three accused juveniles should be prosecuted as adults.

News February 15, 2006 5:00AM TRT 0:30 Local
 A judge has decided to try one of the three alleged gang members accused in the death of an elderly woman as an adult. The second teen will be tried in Juvenile Court, and the third will have another hearing to see if he's fit for the juvenile system. Police believe the three are members of the Goonie gang that has been terrorizing the Slavic Village area over the past year.

News March 16, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:25 Local
 17-year-old Ronnie Tramble entered a not guilty plea today. Police say Tramble and two other teens were part of a local gang called the Goonies responsible for knocking down an elderly woman during a mugging in October. The woman later died.

Issue: Drunk Driving

News March 3, 2006 5:00AM TRT 2:05 Local
 An 18-year old girl is dead after a head-on crash on a rural road. Two others are seriously hurt and the driver who caused this is facing some serious charges. It was around 9:00pm when Burton police took calls about a man driving erratically. They caught up with him seconds after he smashed head-on into a car of teenagers. The front seat passenger, 18-year old Grace Chamberlain of Kirtland was killed. Two boys with her were seriously hurt when the car flipped into a ditch. They were first taken to Geauga Hospital and then flown to Metro. State police say the driver of the pickup was speeding and came close to crashing more than once before this ended on Route 700 in Burton.

We haven't been able to get an update on anyone's condition. The pick-up driver was also taken to the hospital. State police say life-flight couldn't land in Burton because of the weather.

Additional reports

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News	March 3, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	March 3, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local

News March 4, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:25 Local
 Memorial services are tomorrow for a Kirtland teenager killed in a head on collision. The Geauga County Prosecutor says 47-year-old James Cline will face criminal charges. Burton township police had tried to pull Cline over because he was driving erratically. Two other Hiram College freshmen are still hospitalized in critical condition tonight. The three students had just started spring break.

News March 8, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:56 Local
 There's outrage in a local community after it's revealed the driver who caused a fatal crash has a lengthy DUI history, and his license has been suspended nearly 3 dozen times. The driver who killed an 18 year old local woman last week should have been in prison instead of behind the wheel. The crash that killed 18 year old Grace Chamberlain Thursday is one that Geauga County authorities believe was less of an accident, and more the criminal act of a habitual violator with at least ten prior DUIs.

Cline's record includes multiple suspensions in addition to the DUIs, including a pending suspension violation in Geauga County but he got as little as 90 day's house arrest after previous convictions. Geauga County Judge Forrest Burt will not second guess another judge's decisions but says the law allows for sentences of up to five years behind bars. Though penalties are getting tougher, the head of Ohio's sentencing commission in Columbus says it isn't perfect. James Cline is among those still hospitalized tonight; the state patrol and prosecutors are waiting until he is released from the hospital to charge him with vehicular homicide and a host of other felonies.

Additional reports

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News	March 13, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:30	Local
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The crash that killed an 18 year old Hiram College student claims another life today. 18 year old Andrew Hopkins died at Metro Health Medical Center. He'd been in the hospital since last weekend when police say the car he was riding in was hit by a repeat drunk driver in Burton township. Police say James Cline was driving drunk despite having lost his license after eleven DUI convictions. Today he pled guilty to a probation violation and remains in jail.

Additional reports

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News	March 14, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local

News	March 15, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:09	Local
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A man with eleven DUI convictions is accused of getting back behind the wheel and driving drunk, this time killing two young college students. Should the laws be changed to make sure repeat drunk drivers get more jail time? James Cline was given a lifetime driver's license suspension after his third DUI, but that didn't stop him from getting behind the wheel again and again. Over the past 20 years he's appeared in three different courthouses. In those three courthouses Cline has sat in front of a handful of different judges. None of the three judges currently still serving who sentenced James Cline in the past would talk to us about their particular sentences. The state representative for Burton where this month's fatal accident took place says judges need to be held responsible.

Could the drunk driving laws be changed yet again? We found out today, they've been changed eight times since 2000, and prosecutors tell me that is part of the problem. They need to be made much more firm for repeat offenders.

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News	March 16, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:50	Local

News	March 17, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:36	Local
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A formal indictment today against the man accused of causing the head on crash that resulted in the deaths of two teens. Police say James Cline was drunk and speeding when his pickup truck crashed head on into a car. A third victim remains in critical condition tonight. Cline faces a ten count indictment including 2 counts of aggravated vehicular homicide. Cline's girlfriend, Karen Hensley faces an involuntary manslaughter charge for lending her car to someone without a license. Cline's driver's license has been suspended nearly three dozen times.

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News	March 17, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:43	Local
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Tonight, not only has the man with a long history of drunk driving been indicted, his girlfriend is also in trouble. Authorities say the girlfriend of 47-year-old James Cline knew that he did not have a driver's license. Yet she allowed him to drive her truck on the night of the accident. The State Highway Patrol says Cline had more than three times the legal limit of alcohol in his system, when the pick-up truck he was driving slammed into a car carrying three Hiram College students outside Burton. James Cline has now been indicted on charges that include aggravated vehicular homicide, involuntary manslaughter and felony drunk driving based on his prior convictions.

The students at Hiram are hoping that this time James Cline will not get the same kind of lenient treatment he received in his eleven prior DUI cases. Investigators say Cline's girlfriend had been warned by the Geauga County Sheriff's Department in 2005, to stop allowing him to drive her vehicles. If she had listened, the two students might still be alive.

News	March 21, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
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How did James Cline get off time after time? His worst punishment in all 11 drunk driving convictions was one year in jail. The Geauga County prosecutor promises to come down hard on Cline. The 47-year old Burton man will be arraigned later this morning, charged with 13 counts that include aggravated vehicular homicide, involuntary manslaughter and driving under the influence. Cline's girlfriend is also charged with involuntary manslaughter for allowing a habitual drunk driver to use her pick-up.

Additional reports

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News	March 21, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	March 21, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:05	Local

News March 21, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:54 Local

It was a horrible accident that claimed two young lives and nearly a third. While loved ones mourned, the repeat drunk driver police say killed them answered to the latest charges in court today. Evan Dasilva was the only Hiram College student to survive the accident in Geauga County. At Hiram Christian Church students reflected on the lives of Grace Chamberlain and Andy Hopkins who were both killed when their car was hit by a vehicle driven by James Cline, a man who already had 11 drunk driving convictions.

Additional reports

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News	March 22, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 22, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:25 Local

A group of Hiram College and Champion High School students will travel to Columbus Wednesday to push for tougher drunk-driving laws.

News March 28, 2006 10:00PM TRT 0:35 Local

Hundreds of students are preparing to storm our state capital tomorrow. They are demanding tougher drunk driving laws after two of their friends were killed in a crash. The man accused of causing the crash, James Cline, was in Chardon Municipal Court for a previous conviction. Cline pleaded guilty to driving under a suspended license in June and received 180 days in jail. The 47 year old who has 11 drunk-driving convictions, is also charged with causing the crash that killed two students at Hiram College.

Additional reports

News March 29, 2006 6:00AM TRT 0:30 Local

News March 29, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:48 Local

Touched by a tragedy that killed two young people, local students fight for change in Ohio's drunk driving law. Senator Marc Dann helped coach the students on how they can be effective advocates for a tough new drunk driving law. A long stalled law to suspend licenses for a year when DUI tests are refused is up for a vote in the House and the Senate thanks in part to these students. The new law will force judges to consider past DUI convictions over 20 years, way up from the current six year look back. There is nothing in the works to require prison time for repeat drunk driving offenders like James Cline.

Additional reports

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News	March 30, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 30, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:49	Local

MORALITY/CRIME

Issue: Caged Kids

News January 3, 2006 10:00PM TRT 3:26 Local
The local couple accused of caging their special needs children say they would give up the cages to get the kids back. Sharen and Michael Gravelle spoke to Fox 8 for the first time since a judge accused them of abuse, telling us how much they miss their children and how the holidays were not the same even though they were allowed the visit with their kids. The Gravelles also say they stand behind their decision to make some of the 11 adopted children sleep in cages without beds or mattresses. They say their accusers don't understand them or their children. The Gravelles will be back in court later this month to determine what will happen with the children. The Huron County prosecutor has not ruled out the possibility of criminal charges.

Additional reports

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News	January 4, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:05	Local
News	January 4, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:51	Local

News January 17, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:47 Local
A custody hearing is scheduled for today to determine custody of 11 special-needs children who had been kept in cage-like enclosures. Michael and Sharen Gravelle have made major changes to the so called cages. The beds now look more like bunk beds. They each have mattresses and all of the wires and alarms have been removed. Prosecutors are expected to bring up prior trouble with the Gravelles. In hopes of keeping the children in foster homes they plan to call about 30 witnesses including all of the Gravelles adopted children.

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News	January 18, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:22	Local
News	January 18, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 18, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local

News January 18, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:15 Local
A judge in Huron County was expected to issue a ruling today but instead there's now a delay because the county is seeking permanent custody of the children. The judge says he'll need more hearings to decide. Prosecutors would not explain the reason for the change. The custody hearings will be held next month.

Additional reports

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News	January 19, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 19, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News February 14, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:28 Local
The accusations against a couple that adopted 11 special needs children take another step into criminal territory. The Gravelles still don't think they did anything wrong, but they now face a 30 count indictment which includes felony charges. That could mean serious jail time if these two are convicted. The couple believes they did what was necessary to keep those kids safe. That belief was backed up by a social worker who paid regular visits to the Gravelle home, saw the cage-like enclosures and said the couple had legitimate reasons for using them. She now faces charges as well. A permanent custody hearing for the children is coming up. These charges certainly will have an impact on that.

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News	February 15, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	February 15, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local

News February 15, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:33 Local
 Sharen and Michael Gravelle have been fighting to get back their 11 adopted children since the youngsters were taken by Huron County Social Services last September. The Gravelles, each facing dozens of charges may soon be fighting for their freedom. Sheriff's deputies greeted the Gravelles with a summons outside of their Huron County home. A grand jury returned an indictment with charges including felony child endangerment, falsifying adoption applications, and lying to secure adoption funds.

The Gravelles are due in court to face the charges next Wednesday. On that same day a juvenile court judge will hear evidence to determine whether the couple's children should remain in foster care.

News February 22, 2006 Noon TRT 2:00 Local
 Michael and Sharen Gravelle also pleaded not guilty to charges of child-endangerment. 33-year old Jesse Gravelle took the stand during the custody-hearing. He says his father made a key admission to him and his brother in 1986. Jesse says his father went to counseling. After his first wife died Michael married Sharen and kicked all the children out. The custody hearings are expected to continue through tomorrow. The Gravelles will face trial in the criminal case in September.

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News	February 23, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:10	Local
News	February 23, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 23, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local

News February 23, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:53 Local
 Case workers now say Michael and Sharen Gravelle should never be reunited again with their 11 adopted children. The children were removed from the Gravelle home in September after authorities discovered some of them were forced to sleep in enclosed beds that investigators called cages. The case workers maintained the Gravelles failed to cooperate or make changes in their parenting philosophy. Prosecutors also presented the testimony of a psychologist who was asked if the safety of the children would be at risk if they are returned to the Gravelles.

Additional reports

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News	February 24, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:20	Local
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News February 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:30 Local
 There was more damaging testimony as the state introduced a paper trail, going back to 1986, including documents showing Michael Gravelle voluntarily referred himself to social workers in Lorain County for sexually abusing his five year old daughter. Fighting privacy laws, the Gravelle's lawyer tried but failed to keep the record sealed.

More damaging testimony came from a Huron County Children's Services investigator. Although she said the children initially warmed to Sharon Gravelle, and didn't want to leave, she recalled Mr. Gravelle spanking one of the boys during a supervised visit.

Additional reports

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News February 27, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:50 Local
 Misleading and untrue is how the Gravelles attorney describes the charges against his clients. He took up their side of the case but not before testimony that presents a very different picture of the children. For the first time we get an idea of what life is like for these kids now that they no longer live with Michael and Sharen Gravelle. The 11 children have been in foster care since sheriffs deputies removed them from the Gravelle home in September. Foster parent Margaret Kern says she has seen none of the behavior the Gravelles claimed made it necessary to build the cage like beds in the first place. She says some of the children never want to see their adoptive parents again. The Gravelles attorney still isn't sure if he'll put them on the stand. Anything they say could be used against them in their criminal trial.

Additional reports

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News	February 28, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	February 28, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:40	Local

News February 28, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
 Today, the therapist who approved of enclosed beds for 11 adopted children answered to criminal charges in court. The Gravelles trusted the advice of the social worker who knew of the beds, often called cages, and so prosecutors say all three are responsible for the abuse in the Gravelle home. A juvenile court judge has ruled that the beds were abusive, but social worker and therapist Elaine Thompson says they were therapeutic. Thompson believed the beds were necessary for the safety of the children who had a variety of self-destructive behavioral problems. This afternoon she entered not guilty pleas to charges of complicity to child endangering and failing to report abuse. Her attorney afterward says Thompson is the county's scapegoat for a system-wide failure. Thompson's trial on her 32 count indictment will take place in October.

Additional reports

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News	March 1, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 1, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:55	Local

News March 1, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:15 Local
Sharen Gravelle speaks out during the custody hearing for her 11 adopted children. Sharen defended using the enclosures, saying they were needed to keep the children from hurting themselves and each other. She also disputed the claim that she kept one child in a bathtub for 81 days. Sharen says she's testified in the custody hearing even though what she says could be used against her later when she goes to court on criminal charges. Gravelle also disputed claims she and her husband kicked their biological children out of their home.

Additional reports

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News	March 2, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 2, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 14, 2006 Noon TRT 1:00 Local
The fate of the parents charged with keeping their children in cages is now solely in the hands of a judge. Both sides faxed their written closing arguments into the courthouse early this morning. Huron County is asking that all 11 of the Gravelle's adopted special needs children be taken away permanently. The Gravelle's attorney says the couple love their children very much and have always tried to do what's best for them.

In December the same judge hearing this case ruled the Gravelle's did abuse eight of their eleven children after finding the cage-like structures and evaluating the kids. Their attorney says there has been no evidence that the abuse found by the court is so serious or likely to recur that placement back in the home is a threat to the children's safety.

The Gravelle's closing argument mentions that the kids have been out of control in their current foster care living situations, one involved in a theft, another bringing a knife to school. The county meanwhile says the kids are doing much better away from the Gravelle's.

Additional reports

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News	March 14, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:14	Local
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News	March 15, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 20, 2006 Noon TRT 2:00 Local
The parents accused of keeping some their 11 kids in cages have lost their battle to get their eleven children back. There was almost no mention at all in the custody decision about the cage-like beds that have drawn so much attention to this case. Judge Timothy Cardwell relied on expert testimony about abuse and neglect the children suffered. He also was clearly bothered by the unwillingness of either Michael or Sharen Gravelle to admit they had done anything wrong. The Gravelles plan to appeal.

Additional reports

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News	March 21, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local
News	March 21, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 21, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 29, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
 The attorney for Michael and Sharen Gravelle filed an appeal in Huron County Juvenile Court today. The appeals process could last 4 to 6 months. The Gravelles also face criminal charges of child endangerment. Their attorney filed a motion today to get that trial moved to another county. It's scheduled to begin in September.

Additional reports

News	March 29, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:46	Local
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Issue: Teacher Student Sex

News	January 12, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:14	Local
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There is a firestorm of controversy tonight over a school assignment on pornography given to freshmen at a local high school. Brooklyn High School has now pulled the plug on the assignment, but many parents are still angry.

The issue that is causing the phone lines to light up at WTAM radio is an assignment for freshmen health students at Brooklyn High School. Teacher Scott Gioia asked his 14 and 15-year-old students to write about the debate over pornography in society. The assignment included internet research to find out eight facts about the porn industry, and students were told to list good or bad experiences they've had with pornography.

A student who was interviewed says she and many of her classmates felt uncomfortable with Mr. Gioia's porn assignment. Many Brooklyn parents are disturbed that in some ways the assignment could encourage curious students to seek out pornographic images. The superintendent of Brooklyn schools says the teacher thought the assignment would be thought-provoking and educational. But after receiving complaints from parents, the school district now agrees that the porn assignment should not have been given to 14 and 15-year-old students. Many parents would like to know if the teacher had approval from school management to give the assignment. We could not reach the teacher for comment, but his wife told us he had the best of intentions.

News	January 20, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:47	Local
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A sixth grade girl says her gym teacher molested her. This accusation could be just the beginning of the investigation. This isn't the first time a student has complained about the conduct of this particular teacher. Police tell us that today, coincidentally, a group of parents from Miles Elementary took their own complaints about the accused teacher to the School Board. A short time later, a female student went to the principal of Miles Elementary saying she had been molested.

While police aren't releasing the name of this teacher, we do know he's a 50 year old gym teacher at Miles Elementary. Today around 12:30pm, police say this teacher touched an 11 year old girl inappropriately, causing her to fight back. The principal then asked the teacher to leave, and called police. Police aren't saying if there were any witnesses or if the teacher and student were alone. But police say they had enough evidence to arrest him on gross sexual imposition. This isn't the first time a student has come forward saying this gym teacher acted inappropriately. This case is still being investigated, and Sgt. Galmarini reminds students to speak up if they feel they are being violated.

It's important to remember, these are just allegations and the teacher has not been charged with anything. Police are holding him, though, on gross sexual imposition.

News	January 21, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
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No charges tonight against a Miles Elementary gym teacher after police arrested him Friday, after an 11 year old girl says he molested her. Police are holding the 50-year-old man on gross sexual imposition, but he has not been charged. This is not the first time students have complained about this teacher. In fact, a group of parents took their complaints to the school board Friday before the alleged molestation. The teacher was arrested Friday at his home in

Parma. Police say they had enough evidence to arrest him on gross sexual imposition and they are continuing to look into other allegations of misconduct.

News January 26, 2006 5:00PM TRT 3:33 Local
He was a high school student, and she was his substitute teacher, and together they had a baby. Now the former student wants custody of the child and his parents want school leaders held accountable. As early as next week, a lawsuit will be filed against Strongsville City Schools. The lawsuit will claim district leaders were negligent and turned their heads to a relationship between a student and teacher. Today, we heard from all sides in a school scandal that stretches back three years. It was a two year sexual relationship that began with a kiss and ended with the birth of a child.

Steven Bradigan says in 2002 while he was a student at Strongsville High School, former substitute teacher Christine Scarlett tried kissing him in a Dairy Queen parking lot. But he admits the two later did make out in a parking lot at the Westfield Southpark Mall. That's a claim Scarlett's attorney denies, but he admits there was a relationship.

Attorney Eric Laubacher says Bradigan propositioned Scarlett saying if I get good grades could they go out together? The relationship was exposed after a parent found Scarlett hiding in a closet at their home where she was meeting Bradigan. The parent informed Bradigan's parents and school leaders and Scarlett left her position in November of 2002. Two months later she was pregnant and a DNA test shows Bradigan is the father. But the Bradigan's attorneys argue the school dropped the ball and let Scarlett go untouched. School leaders say they notified the Department of Family and Children Services but not the police.

Steven Bradigan has now filed for full custody of his son and his attorney is planning to sue the school district for failing to report Scarlett to the police. Christine Scarlett's attorney says although Steven Bradigan was a student, he was above the age of consent so the relationship was not illegal. But it was both illegal and immoral in Bradigan's parent's eyes. They say their son was developmentally disabled and trusted his special education teacher and instead they say he was exploited and manipulated. The Strongsville Police Department says it never investigated the relationship because no one ever filed a police report.

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News	January 27, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 3:03	Local
News	January 27, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 27, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News February 13, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:13 Local
Love letters from a teacher to one of his teenage students are causing a scandal in a local school district. Tonight, that teacher is out of a job and facing criminal charges. That employee's name is Aaron Nestor, and Monday night the Willard City School Board ratified his resignation. The school superintendent had already accepted it.

Nestor was a 7th grade math teacher and a 9-year veteran of the school. He was also the boy's tennis coach, but the county law director says this well-liked teacher had a secret life. He says Nestor had a relationship with a former student who is now 15, and that relationship went from the classroom to the internet. The law director says Nestor and the 15-year old girl spent time together at her house, and that one of those instances led to Monday's charge of sexual imposition. The superintendent says they've never had a problem with 35-year old Nestor, who is married with children of his own. That's why, he says, those allegations are so shocking. A letter will be sent home to parents. Prosecutors will set a date for arraignment.

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News	February 14, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local

News February 21, 2006 Noon TRT 0:30 Local
 A teacher and her former student are in court today fighting for custody of their child. Steven Bradigan was 17 when he won a date with 36-year old Christine Scarlett, for improving his grades. The teen and the substitute teacher began a two and a half year relationship that led to the birth of a child. Bradigan is now fighting for custody of the two year old. The judge set a May court date for the hearing.

News February 21, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:22 Local
 A middle school teacher is in trouble with the law tonight accused of having a sexual relationship with a student. The liaison happened five years ago, and only recently the girl came forward and told her story to the police. 43-year-old Randall Crane has been a teacher for 20 years, but now his whole career is on the line. Not only that, but his freedom as well if he's convicted of sexual battery involving a 14-year-old girl.

Akron police say Crane, who's a music teacher at Jennings Middle School, had a consensual relationship with one of his students five years ago. One of the encounters took place at his home in Mogadore. The other was at a relative's house in Akron. The girl is now 19 years old and recently came forward with her story. Crane's attorney says his client just found out about the allegations. Police say when questioned, Crane admitted to having the affair. A spokesperson for the Akron Public School District says Randall Crane has been put on administrative leave during the investigation. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison.

Additional reports

News February 21, 2006 10:00PM TRT 0:50 Local
 News February 22, 2006 5:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News February 27, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:27 Local
 There is a move to ban dating between Ohio State professors and the students they teach. This report from Ohio State says every year a number of students seek counseling because of sexual relationships gone bad with a teacher. In fact this report says Ohio State has some professors who have several relationships despite a professional code of conduct that strongly discourages these relationships. Ohio State is re-examining the student-faculty dating policy. An unspecified relationship gone bad brought so many complaints counselors' records were checked and Ohio State realized there is a lot of sex between students and faculty.

Ohio State wants to change those rules to make the relationship between student and faculty like that between doctor and patient. But with records kept confidential many faculty members are fighting the move as solving a problem that doesn't exist. Ohio State wants to be a leader in the movement barring sex between students and faculty. Indiana and Iowa in the big ten have already taken this action.

News February 28, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:32 Local
 A coach at a private cheerleading school is going to prison, but not before getting an earful in court, from the mother of a teen, with whom the coach engaged in sexual misconduct. Michelle Robinson, a mother of two was sentenced today in Summit County Common Pleas Court. The family of her 17 year old victim says Robinson got what she deserved, four years behind bars. The victim was not in court, but Robinson tearfully apologized to the boy's mother. The 29 year old coach says her life was in a tailspin, from divorce, a miscarriage, and she began drinking heavily. Robinson blamed herself for inducing the teen to engage in sexual acts at his home last year. She was a coach at the NEO Cheerleading Studio in Coventry.

The boy's mother described how her son, who is emotionally challenged, has suffered mentally from the incidents. She joined another relative blasting Robinson's character. Another parent just as passionately described the good Robinson did for her daughter and other teens. The judge considered the coach's support but found the good did not outweigh the damage to the victim. She sentenced Robinson to 4 years in prison on four counts of sexual battery and one year to be served concurrently for contributing to delinquency of a minor. Robinson was immediately taken into custody. As part of her sentence, the coach is now labeled a sexually oriented offender which means she'll have to register where she lives with the sheriff's department for 10 years after her release.

News March 9, 2006 6:00PM TRT 3:05 Local
 A high school crush turns criminal when a teacher is accused of having an on-going sexual relationship with a student. 37-year old Michael Gonzales is charged with one count of sexual battery. He's accused of having an ongoing sexual relationship with a 14-year old female student when he was a teacher at Cleveland's Rhodes High School. The victim's father first became suspicious in 2003 when his daughter admitted having a crush on her teacher. According to a Cleveland police report, the two had met a few times at his place where they had sexual encounters repeatedly. The report also indicates that Mr. Gonzales provided her with a cellular phone.

Prosecutors say the allegations began to unravel in May of last year when a friend of the victim's told school administrators about the relationship, and they contacted police. Gonzales was indicted in September. Prosecutors say he was on the run until February 10 when he was arrested in Texas after crossing several times into Mexico. Gonzales is out of jail, on a \$5,000 bond, but prosecutors filed a motion today, asking his bond be revoked because it's too low. Judge Janet Burnside was not in today so she was not able to rule on the motion.

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News	March 10, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:25	Local
News	March 10, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 15, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:13 Local
 Tonight a teacher is suspended as police investigate exactly what she was teaching one of her students. The allegations involve a 28-year-old teacher and her relationship with a 17-year-old boy. North Ridgeville High School Spanish teacher Stacey Ostapowicz is the focus of an investigation by North Ridgeville police.

Stacey Ostapowicz, who lives in Seven Hills, has reportedly denied she has had sex with the 17-year-old boy. This is just the latest in a string of recent cases involving improper relationships between teachers and students. The police chief of North Ridgeville believes the crimes have been under reported in the past. The teacher is now on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation. Even if no criminal charges are filed, she could be fired for violating school policy.

Additional reports

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News	March 16, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 16, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 17, 2006 5:00PM TRT 0:25 Local
 A former local teacher has now pled guilty to charges of inappropriate contact with a female student. Michael Gonzales entered the plea this morning. Gonzales taught in Cleveland before leaving for a job in Shaker Heights. He later fled to Las Vegas where he was arrested. At one point during the hearing the victim's father had to be held back. Gonzales will be formally sentenced next month.

News March 18, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:25 Local
 A former Huron County teacher is heading to jail for an inappropriate relationship with a former student. 35-year-old Aaron Nestor pleaded guilty to a charge of sexual imposition in Norwalk Municipal Court Friday. The former Willard Middle School math teacher has been sentenced to 60 days in jail. He resigned his teaching position when accusations of his relationship with the now 15 year old girl surfaced.

News March 27, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:49 Local
 A convicted sex offender is allowed to teach a class at Kent State University. Now several other colleges are looking into whether they should do criminal background checks on their teachers. Unlike high schools, elementary and pre-schools, colleges are not required to do background checks on teachers. 64-year-old Carl Neighorn has been a Kent State graduate student since last fall and was hired to teach an introductory communications class starting in January. Neighorn

was convicted in California for molesting an underage boy in 1998 and sentenced to six years in prison. A Kent State spokesperson tells Fox-8 that Neighorn was recently fired for unrelated reasons.

On its website Kent State lets the public know the names of current students who are convicted sexual offenders required to register with the authorities. Neighorn is on that list, but when school officials hired him as a part-time teacher they didn't realize this. Even if they had, he may have still been hired. We called several other local colleges to find out their policy. The University of Akron and CCC did not return calls. Baldwin Wallace and Case Western both say they have no policy. They do not do background checks as they are too costly, and it's never been an issue. Both are now looking into possibly changing things for the fall semester.

Additional reports

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A former high school basketball coach faces charges, accused of having a sexual relationship with one of her teenage players. The woman was a substitute teacher and freshman girl's basketball coach at Firestone High School in Akron. Tonight she's out of jail after posting \$10,000 bond. 22-year old Quanette Vales was charged with one count of sexual battery and one count of sexual conduct with a minor. The superintendent of Akron schools say Vales started coaching at Firestone in October. By late November they received their first allegation of an inappropriate relationship between her and a 15-year old girl on the team. Akron police say it started out as kissing and progressed to sex. School officials immediately stopped using Vales as a coach or a substitute teacher. If she's convicted, Vales could face up to five years behind bars.

Additional reports

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News	March 29, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 29, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 29, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:37	Local

News	March 28, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:35	Local
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A local teacher accused of having a relationship with one of her students, has suddenly resigned. The superintendent of North Ridgeville schools tells us Stacey Ostapowicz no longer teaches Spanish at North Ridgeville High School. Earlier this month, someone made an anonymous report to police that she was having a romantic relationship with a 17 year old boy. Ostapowicz denies the allegation. North Ridgeville police say they didn't find evidence of a sexual relationship, but they are recommending she be criminally charged. Stacey Ostapowicz taught at the high school since 2004.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Issue: Jobs

News	January 5, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:10	Local
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They may be modern-day Wright brothers, two inventors who could change aviation history as we know it. Fox 8 reporter, Kristy Steeves, is the first television reporter to see a prototype of the airship in its completion. This is a prototype of a hybrid aircraft called the dynalifter. It's the only one of its kind in the world. It is part blimp, part airplane; the dynalifter is designed to transport goods at a lower cost than jets and at a higher speed than ships. The dynalifter prototype has never been in the air, but it has been tested in a wind tunnel. The inventors say their dynalifter is now ready for take off. They plan on test flying it this spring when weather gets nicer. If the dynalifter proves successful and can fly, its inventors believe it will change the course of aviation as we know it. The dynalifter will be eight times bigger than this prototype, and bigger than the biggest airplane in the world. It will be able to transport goods and military supplies anywhere in the world. If the dynalifter prototype gets off the ground and proves to be successful, it could mean good news for Northeast Ohio. The first airship that will be developed could create 500 new jobs or even more.

Additional reports

News January 5, 2006 7:00AM TRT 2:10 Local

News January 6, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:15 Local

Possible gubernatorial candidates Betty Montgomery, Jim Petro and Ted Strickland all agree job creation is Ohio's top priority because that's where the money for good education and health care will come from. Democrat Ted Strickland says Ohio government is driven by a pay to play system where government contracts are given to favored insiders.

News January 13, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:50 Local

Governor Taft spent the day campaigning for more auto manufacturing jobs in Ohio. The governor is pitching a new tax reform package in an effort to sway General Motors to invest \$500 million to expand its Toledo facility. Under the governor's plan manufacturing equipment in plants would no longer be taxed. With auto giants Ford and General Motors downsizing, the governor knows his other main goal has to be avoiding plant closures. The GM expansion would also help protect the 3,500 current employees.

News January 15, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:04 Local

Our unseasonably warm temperatures have left businesses that need the snow feeling the heat this winter. A warmer than usual forecast is again on the way. Snow plow drivers like using the warm days during the winter to maintain their equipment and keep reminding themselves this is Cleveland. Winter is also a journey for ski resorts like Alpine Valley taking advantage of a few cold days to prepare for what lies ahead. 60 and sunny does however take a toll on related businesses like the Alpine Valley Ski Shop. Those who make a living off of winter pray for the kind of forecast that does not seem in their immediate future. If there is any consolation for the seasonal businesses, it is that there is lots of winter left.

Additional reports

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News January 16, 2006 6:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News January 16, 2006 8:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News January 23, 2006 5:00PM TRT 3:45 Local

Ford is cutting 30,000 jobs from their payroll. Thankfully, jobs in Northeast Ohio have been saved. None of the Ford plants in Northeast Ohio will be closing. People who used to work for Ford remember when more Americans bought American cars. Cheap labor is costing jobs in many industries not just the auto industry.

Not all of Ohio's Ford plants escaped the restructuring ax. Ford plans to shut down its transmission plant in Batavia in 2008. The automaker employs nearly 1800 in Batavia which is east of Cincinnati. It is Clermont County's largest employer. A county spokesperson says the plant closure will affect the entire community. Ohio's other Ford facilities have been spared, at least for now. Ford expects to close fourteen more plants by 2012.

Additional reports

News January 23, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:49 Local

News January 23, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:26 Local

News January 24, 2006 8:00AM TRT 1:30 Local

News January 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:00 Local

A local town is losing one of its largest employers despite a generous incentive to stay. Rubbermaid announced it is closing a plant in Perry at the end of March which means 300 jobs are gone. Newell Rubbermaid moved into abandoned warehouse space in Perry just three years ago after winning a 10 year, 100% tax abatement deal. A Rubbermaid Vice President says the company faces pressure from retailers to keep prices down, while paying soaring costs for raw materials. About two-thirds of the 300 employees will be absorbed in the larger Mogador Distribution Center. That leaves 100 people who will be laid off.

After Rubbermaid closed its Wooster plant in 2003, employees in the Perry Center nonetheless felt secure. The company had talked of a five million dollar expansion. The shock is that the Canton area center closes March 31.

In September, Rubbermaid announced it would streamline by laying off 5,000 workers nationwide. The Perry facility is one of the casualties. The company says it will offer severance packages and outplacement services to those being laid off.

News	January 25, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:25	Local
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The economic impact of an expansion planned for Cleveland's Defense Finance and Accounting Service office could be more promising than first believed. Cleveland DFAS, which was spared in the Pentagon's base-cutting plan last summer, is slated to get 600 new government jobs. Nearly 400 contractor positions are expected as well. According to an analysis by Team NEO, that will translate into hundreds of private sector jobs and pump almost \$240 million into the region's economy every year.

News	January 26, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:03	Local
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Lorain city leaders are now trying to figure out how to reduce a growing budget deficit following the closing of a Ford plant. Mayor Craig Foltin says all the departments will be meeting to discuss cuts. He hopes to trim the budget while avoiding layoffs. The Lorain Ford plant closing cost the city 1600 jobs and more than \$2 million dollars in tax money. The mayor believes the city can dig out of the \$4 million dollar deficit. The city could face state receivership if the deficit continues to grow. Lorain is one city hoping to get an Indian gaming casino to help raise revenue.

Additional reports

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News	January 27, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:35	Local
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A group of people in Madison have come together to warn residents about what it calls the perils of Wal-Mart. The concerned citizens group headed by local business leaders and city leaders launched an informational campaign that will focus on the store's negative effects on small towns. The group says the campaign will show the public, through research, the negative effects Wal-Mart has on local economies of the same size as Madison. Its purpose is to show the public the importance of supporting locally owned and operated businesses.

Wal-Mart's response to such incidents in the past has been to say that they save families millions of dollars while creating quality jobs. They did not return our call tonight about this latest protest.

Additional reports

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News	January 27, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:01	Local
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Northeast Ohioans cheered earlier this week when local Ford plants were spared in the company's major downsizing, but tonight there's a very sad dose of reality. Ford is cutting a total of 30,000 jobs, and today, 56 managers in Brook Park were fired by the company. There was a collective sigh of relief on Monday in greater Cleveland when the list of Ford plants being shut down did not include any of its local factories. The city of Brook Park is heavily dependent on tax dollars generated at the Ford plant and is bracing for additional firings. We contacted Ford headquarters to try and find out how many jobs are being eliminated in Brook Park. We were told they do not provide that kind of information.

News	January 31, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:23	Local
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Amidst all that drama Wal-Mart is opened for business in another local community. Having weathered a storm of protest, Wal-Mart associates celebrate the opening of store number 3608. Community leaders believe the jobs, the convenience, and additional traffic through town can help Madison Township attract other stores and restaurants. Labor organizations have picketed the site, concerned that Wal-Mart drives out small businesses. It is clear the new superstore will draw customers away from competitors.

With Wal-Mart's labor practices, its influence on suppliers, and its employee benefits under a global microscope, the Madison store promises it can be a good corporate citizen. For the grand

opening Wal-Mart contributed \$34,000 to local organizations as a good will gesture. There were no demonstrations this morning.

Additional reports

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News	February 1, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	February 6, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local/FOX
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President Bush's 2007 budget proposal was delivered to Congress today. Among those poring over the specifics are the folks at Cleveland's NASA Glenn Research Center. The local aerospace center has already lost about 200 jobs and expects to lose another 300 positions over the next couple of years. That number includes transferred and retired workers. NASA Glenn's new director says the goal is to attract as much new work as possible to the Cleveland center. The White House budget proposal includes a one 1% increase in spending for the space agency overall.

News	February 8, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:37	Local
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Workers who lost their jobs at the Ford plant in Lorain will get some financial help. Ford is offering \$100,000 buyouts to those workers in Lorain and one plant in New Jersey. But there's a catch. They must give up all of their benefits, except for their pension. Ford wants to expand the deal to workers at all closed plants, but the UAW must first approve it.

News	February 13, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:59	Local
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Invacare Corporation, based in Elyria, is cutting 225 manufacturing jobs from its plant there. The company manufactures and provides home health care equipment around the world. Company executives say competition and cuts in Medicare have hurt the company's bottom line. The jobs will be phased out over the next six to nine months. Last August, Invacare cut 38 white collar jobs. The company says employees will have the chance to retire, relocate, or reapply for a different position.

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News	February 22, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:58	Local
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One company with thousands of jobs at stake locally is hoping the Cleveland Auto Show will help right the ship. The I-X Center's a fun place for car lovers to visit. Ford wants to get new vehicles into the market that will get buyers excited. The Fusion's getting excellent reviews and is expected to help Ford slice into a market dominated by Camry's and Accords for years. With so many Ford engines being made here at the Brook Park engine plant, it's critical for the local economy that Ford succeed. The Cleveland Auto Show runs this Saturday through Sunday, March 5 at the I-X Center. It's open Fridays and Saturdays 11 to 11, Sundays 11 to 8, and Monday through Thursday, noon to 10. Adult admission is \$11.50 and parking is free.

News	February 23, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local
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In his first State of the City speech, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson pitches a regional vision. Mayor Jackson proposed creating a regional economic development plan for jobs. He put on the table a proposal to share tax revenue, a 50/ 50 split on municipal income taxes, for instance if a business leaves one city to move to another in the region. He says the city and suburbs sink or swim together and it makes sense to stop beating each other up. The mayor says he'll be the first to admit his vision won't count for much unless he can deliver.

Additional reports

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News	February 24, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

News	March 15, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local
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A simple solution could help Ohio farmers and keep high paying jobs in Ohio. It's the new fuel source called e-85. Composed of 85% ethanol, it's cheaper and safer for the environment. But only 6 pumps in the entire state carry the fuel. However, a tax credit being considered at the state house could help gas stations put in the new pumps. The addition would give Ohio's farmers a new demand for their crops and help high wage auto workers keep their jobs. Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler are all racing to unveil an ethanol powered fleet.

Additional reports

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News	March 16, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	March 20, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:23	Local
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There's talk of bringing a resort-style casino to Massillon. The eastern Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma wants to open a casino on 300 acres that belonged to the former Republic Steel. To the city, it could mean 2400 jobs and 2% of the revenue from slot machines. That could generate as much as \$14-million a year in revenue. City Council wants to gauge the public's feelings. They held a public hearing earlier tonight. There will be another hearing next Monday.

Additional reports

News	March 20, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
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News	March 22, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:27	Local
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General Motors is offering buyouts, to entice thousands of workers to retire early. Ford did it, and now General Motors is offering buyout packages. The program may help GM's auto plants in Northeast Ohio survive, but it won't mean a flood of vacancies for local jobseekers to fill. The deal was reached between GM, the United Auto Workers Union and the auto parts division Delphi. About 100,000 GM workers are eligible to take the buyouts, which range from \$35,000 to \$140,000. At the high end, workers agree to sever all ties with the company, meaning giving up future health care benefits. GM decided to offer the buyouts to help reach its goal of slashing 30,000 hourly jobs by 2008. Some local workers at the Parma stamping plant say it sounds like a deal too good to pass up. A local UAW official told me today he's optimistic the Parma plant has a strong future. Even if a large number of workers take advantage of early retirement, the jobs they leave behind will likely be filled with GM and Delphi employees losing their jobs at plants that close.

Additional reports

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News	March 22, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 23, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	March 31, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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Auto parts supplier Delphi announces a huge restructuring plan that would cut thousands of jobs and shut down or sell a third of its plants among other things. Ohio takes a huge hit with six plants including Sandusky on the block to sell or close. The good news is Warren and Vandalia give Ohio two of 8 plants identified as crucial to ongoing operations by Delphi. But if Delphi and the UAW don't get an agreement it's just not going to matter. Right now Delphi workers make \$27 an hour. The company wants to cut that to \$22 an hour and the UAW says no. Delphi is asking the bankruptcy judge to terminate their union contract, claiming they'll run out of money by September. The union is threatening a strike and that could shut down the entire general motors system within a week. Governor Bob Taft is asking Delphi and the UAW to keep talking until they can make a deal.

The state says remaining Delphi and GM plants in Ohio are candidates for major investments if the companies can make it through the current storm. The big worry tonight is whether General Motors will have any money left to make those innovative investments anywhere. The UAW warns terminating their contract will bring a long strike. Financial analysts say loss of the crucial parts supplier will cost GM \$130 million a day. GM lost more than \$10 billion last year and the stock is at a 20 year low.

News	March 31, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:43	Local
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The eastern Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma wanted a commitment from Massillon Council to move ahead with the plan. Instead, council is just pledging its interest. The proposal includes a casino, restaurants, a hotel and shopping. But council wants to know more about the jobs, financing the resort, and who is going to build it. On a piece of property where many used to work, developers have said bringing a casino here would create thousands more jobs. But today they wouldn't say much about how many jobs there would be or even how long it would take to build the resort. The tribe has filed a federal lawsuit challenging Ohio state law that makes casino gaming illegal. Without a win, the casino has no chance. Local folks are split on if it's a good idea. And those

opinions could really count in the end. The tribe's federal lawsuit on Ohio's gaming law is still in the courts. If they win, the tribe is also eyeing Lima, Ohio as another site for a resort.

Additional reports

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TERRORISM

Issue: War on Terror - local

News	January 5, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:50	Local
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A Fox 8 I-team investigation first exposed Imam Fawaz Damra's ties to terror. He has now finally agreed to leave the country. We've just confirmed Fawaz Damra has entered into an agreement with the federal government which would permit him to go to one of five Middle Eastern nations. Damra's deportation case was scheduled for trial next Monday. He was stripped of his citizenship in 2004 and served two months in prison and four months house arrest after being convicted of lying on his citizenship application. Damra had failed to disclose his membership in the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and his role in founding a New York charity in the late 1980's with ties to Osama Bin Ladin. Under the terms of the settlement, Damra has agreed to move to Egypt, Sudan, Qatar, the Palestinian authority, or the United Arab Emirates. It will now be up to the Bureau of Immigration and customs enforcement to make arrangements for Damra's departure. Damra's lawyer has previously stated that his client was tired of the fight. He remains in a Detroit jail.

Additional reports

News	January 5, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:48	Local
News	January 5, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:50	Local
News	January 5, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 3:00	Local
News	January 5, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 3:00	Local

News	January 6, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
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Northeast Ohio remembers a fallen soldier who died in Iraq just days before he was scheduled to come home. Hundreds of people lined the funeral route for Master-Sergeant Joseph J. Andres Junior. The Seven Hills soldier died in a roadside bomb attack on Christmas Eve. Master-Sergeant Andres was 34-years old. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

News	January 9, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:29	Local
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180 soldiers with the Ohio Army National Guard arrived home to Northeast Ohio just a few hours ago. They were treated to a welcome home ceremony of grand proportions. Hundreds of families gathered to welcome home their loved ones, local heroes who spent more than a year in Iraq. These soldiers with the Ohio Army National Guard were in one of the hottest areas in the world, responsible for overseeing high level criminal detainees. The battalion also conducted more than 600 convoy security escort missions through out Iraq.

News	February 7, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:50	Local
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Millions of Ohioans are opting for convenience ahead of security. They may be breaking federal law when they do that. When you go to renew your driver's license in Ohio you're asked if you want your social security number on the license. Right now about 2/10's of one percent choose to go without social security numbers and that means millions of us are breaking the law. You see a federal law targeting identity theft barred states from putting social security numbers on driver's licenses. That law took affect in December but it may conflict with another law designed to combat terrorism and illegal immigration. This law says all states must have social security numbers on file tied to driver's license information.

Ohio has a team of lawyers trying to sort through the confusion but in the meantime the decision is still yours to make. Late this afternoon the state decided the social security numbers must no longer appear on your driver's license and ordered an end to that option. This means you must remember to bring your social security card when you renew your license or you will not be able to get a new license.

News February 21, 2006 10:00PM TRT 5:03 Local/CNN/FOX
 Team coverage tonight on the Toledo based terror ring accused of plotting Jihad against American troops. One was whisked away from arraignment in federal court in Cleveland. Two others were taken from arraignments in Toledo. Three Ohio men, terror suspects, charged with planning to kill Americans in Iraq. The indictment alleges the three wanted to establish a Mideast terror training facility where want-to-be terrorists would learn how to make improvised explosive devices, roadside bombs, and suicide vests. An Arab-American with military training the indictment calls "the trainer" was the key government source. The indictment portrays Amawi, the man arraigned in Cleveland, as a ringleader.

It indicates the group planned to send support from the United States through contacts in Jordan to help support Jihad efforts against American soldiers in Iraq. Amawi alone faces two additional counts related to a verbal threat to kill or inflict bodily harm upon the president of the United States. The threat against President Bush was made in Ohio two weeks before the president made numerous campaign stops in the state in October 2004.

Fox 8 news reporter Kevin Freeman spoke with Mohammed Amawi's mother and brother in Toledo. They say the last time they spoke with him he was in Jordan getting married and starting a business. They turned on the TV to find he was under arrest charged with terrorism and accused of threatening to kill the president while he campaigned in Ohio in 2004. Amawi's family says none of it's true.

Just a short time ago, the Muslim Community Center, where the suspects belonged held a news conference. A spokesman for the Islamic Center in Toledo says the arrests come as a shock. Dr. Zaheer Hasan says the men did not attend weekly prayers at any of the mosques in the Toledo area. He feels if they are guilty they should be prosecuted to the full extent.

Additional reports

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News	February 21, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 4:29	Local
News	February 21, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 7:25	Local
News	February 22, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	February 22, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	February 22, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 2:15	Local
News	February 22, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 2:15	Local
News	February 22, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	February 22, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	February 22, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	February 22, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	February 22, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:46	Local

News February 22, 2006 6:00PM TRT 5:44 Local
 There is new information tonight on the three Toledo area men charged yesterday with plotting terror attacks on American troops in Iraq. The I-Team has learned the FBI had not one, but several tips on the trio, and all the tips came from Muslims. The suspects didn't know the FBI had a confidential witness identified only as "the trainer" who worked undercover with authorities for more than a year. Today, the U.S. Attorney and the head of the FBI in Cleveland told the I-Team they were always balancing how far to let the investigation go with the need to protect both the trainer and American troops overseas. The three suspects are being held pending detention hearings which will take place in the next week.

Meanwhile, Ohio's homeland security task force is rolling out a terrorism prevention program they picked up from the British government. Ohio now has an Islamic outreach program designed to strengthen ties of trust between all of the state's major religious and ethnic groups. The idea is a cohesive society that will bring leads to law enforcement, hitting terrorists before they can strike. The Homeland Security Task Force is thankful a tip from the Islamic community started the investigation that brought terrorism arrests in Toledo yesterday. They say there's no more effective protection against terror than a united community.

Additional reports

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News	February 23, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local

News	February 23, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 23, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	March 1, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:02	Local
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Long before three terror suspects were indicted in Ohio last week, the Fox 8 I-Team had been asking: how prepared are we in case we're attacked? The arrest of three suspected terrorists, two arraigned in Toledo, one arraigned in Cleveland, brought home to all of us just how close terror can be. The indictment charged three men planned to establish a Mideast terror training facility to plan attacks against American soldiers in Iraq. Federal prosecutors said their base of operations was Ohio. To help communities prepare in case they are attacked, congress allocated billions after September 11 for homeland security. Last year, the I-Team revealed that of \$27 million set aside at that time for Cuyahoga County, the county hadn't spent more than \$19 million of it. The 72% left on the table was the worst record of any of Ohio's 88 counties.

Cuyahoga has now been awarded a total of \$38 million in Homeland Security money. It has spent \$30 million of it which is a huge improvement over what we exposed last year. There's no way to know how prepared we need to be, but we are more prepared than we were a year ago. What are they spending all that money on? The first priority is a communication system that would allow different police and fire departments to talk to each other in a crisis.

News	March 10, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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A local Muslim family becomes the target of vicious hate mail. Strongsville Police say the letter was placed in the family's mailbox. The threats are especially mystifying because the family has lived in the community for more than 30 years. The letter has now been sent to the state crime lab in an effort to find a suspect. The person responsible could face local, state and federal charges for trespassing and ethnic intimidation. Police say the family may have been singled out because the father was once a spokesman for the Grand Mosque of Parma.

Additional reports

News	March 10, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 11, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 11, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

News	March 16, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:04	Local
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For the first time in more then a century, the Coast Guard on Lake Erie will be allowed to carry guns. Since 1817 a peace treaty between the U.S. and Canada kept the Great Lakes safe. It limited weapons they could carry. After recent review, a new decision was reached. Coast Guard vessels will now be able to carry light arms. Cities like Vermillion with more than five-miles of coast, hope this will help their small police force. Historians say the decision to carry arms does not violate the original goal of the treaty. In fact, it may even improve the relationship between the U.S. and Canada.

Additional reports

News	March 16, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:41	Local
News	March 17, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 17, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 17, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:30	Local
News	March 17, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 17, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:50	Local

News	March 20, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 5:36	Local
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Cleveland takes center stage in the Iraqi war debate as President Bush comes to town to spread his message of progress. Meanwhile, more than 100 protestors bang the drums of discontent outside the President's City Club speech. The President's poll numbers are slipping, right along with support for the war that has now gone on for three years. He's working very hard to right a listing political ship. The venue is the City Club of Cleveland, a place where free speech has reigned for 94 years. The subject is the war in Iraq.

Support for the war is waning. More Americans than ever are saying it's time to get out. The President says not until the job is done. President Bush handled some questions from people hand picked by his staff. People outside the City Club ripped the president on a variety of matters. Mostly it was about Iraq. Not all the demonstrators outside were anti-Bush. A veteran among the protestors called the Bush administration arrogant. Democratic Congressman Sherrod

Brown, who is now running for Senate echoed those thoughts. The president argued he was the right man to lead the war on terrorism.

While the president was in Cleveland, Vice President Dick Cheney was making his own stop outside Akron defending the war in Iraq. Mr. Cheney was in town to speak at a luncheon, supporting congressional candidate Chuck Blasdel. Blasdel is running for the 6th District seat, currently held by Ted Strickland, the Democratic front runner for Ohio governor.

Additional reports

News	March 20, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 20, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 6:08	Local
News	March 20, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 3:32	Local
News	March 21, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	March 21, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	March 21, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	March 21, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:05	Local

News	March 25, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 3:10	Local
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Members of the Sikh community sat down with federal, state and local leaders to deal with discrimination. They held a forum in Bedford last night to learn how to deal with problems they say started after 9-11. They say they've been targets of violence, bullying, and discrimination because they look and sound like they're from the Middle East. Sikhs actually come from Eastern Asia, and do not practice Islam. The Sikhs say they hope instead of people labeling them terrorists, they will take the time to learn who they are, and what they're about.

Additional reports

News	March 26, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 27, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 27, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	March 26, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local
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Cindy Sheehan first gained national attention when she traveled to Crawford Texas determined to talk to President Bush. He has never come face to face with her. Now Sheehan is on the road and Sunday she spoke to an audience in Akron. Cindy says bringing our troops home must be the nation's top priority. But even as counter protestors speak out against her, Sheehan maintains her ground. She says a growing number of Americans are opposed to the war. Sheehan hopes for a grass roots movement to put political pressure on the President and Capitol Hill.

Additional reports

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News	March 27, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	March 27, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 27, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	March 27, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News	March 26, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local
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Thousands of Ohioans converge on the state capitol in Columbus to speak out against new immigration laws now being debated in congress. The proposed bill would make it a felony for someone to be in the United States illegally. It would also punish employers who hire illegal immigrants and call for building fences along much of the U.S./Mexican border. Many who attended the rally hope it will send a message to Ohio's two Senators.

President Bush disagreed with that during a speech last week in Cleveland. President Bush supports a program that would allow people to work in the U.S. for a certain amount of time, then return home. A public hearing on the issue will be held tomorrow at 5:30 pm at Cleveland City Hall.

Additional reports

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How should the United States control illegal immigrants? This issue is at the heart of a debate on Capitol Hill and the center of massive protests across the nation. Right now in city hall, a panel of experts and activists are listening to testimonies regarding immigration reform. Recent proposed legislation has sparked passionate protests around the nation. Members of the Latino community say they're consideration is being overlooked and undermined by everyone from the president down.

A proposed bill would classify 11 million undocumented immigrants as felons and anyone caught hiring or helping illegal immigrants would be breaking the law. Under the bill Pastor Max Rodas could be prosecuted and sent to jail for five years because he helps undocumented immigrants through his urban resource center Nueva Luz in Cleveland. Across the country and in Ohio there have been protest and demonstrations fighting the proposed legislation.

Today President Bush solidified his position on the immigration issue. He laid out a proposal addressing what he calls three critical areas. He wants to secure the borders, strengthen immigration inside our country, and create temporary work programs for immigrants.

Additional reports

News	March 27, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 28, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local
News	March 28, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:35	Local
News	March 28, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public service announcements were aired for the organizations listed below during the first quarter of 2006.

Alateen Corner - Silence
Alcohol Abuse
Alzheimer Assoc.
American Acad. of Orthopedic Science –
Various
American Dental Association
Arbor Day Kids Club
Believe in Cleveland
Break Your Heart
Bully Hotline
Cleveland Sports Awards
Community Shares
Crohns & Colitis
Cystic Fibrosis Wine Opener
Disability Attitudes
Disease Prevention
Drunk Driving
Easter Seals
FBL – Character
FOX V Chip
FOX TV Ratings
Garfield on Writing
Girls & Boys Town
Grapes on Gridiron
Healthy Lifestyles and Disease Prevention –
Various

HFH - Various
Here Kitty, Kitty
Hurricane
Imagine
In Their Own Words
Katrina Relief
March of Dimes
Marines for Country
Market Under Glass
Matchsticks
Mentor - Various
OAB National Guard
Obesity
Ohio Reads
Partners for a Drug-Free America-Various
Pool
Precious Cargo
Presidential UW
Produce – 5 A Day
Produce – Backstage
Red Cross
School Food Service
Shield of Freedom
Twice Upon a Time

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROJECTS

January-February-March 2006

EASTER SEALS BACHELOR/BACHELORETTE AUCTION

February 16

FOX 8 participated in this Easter Seals annual fundraiser, featuring Kenny Crumpton as the master of ceremonies. FOX 8 produced and aired a :20 and a :15 PSA promoting the event. News ran teasers in its morning newscast and sent a camera to the event.

SOUL FOOD COOKOFF

February 18

FOX 8 sponsored the annual Soul Food Cook-off, benefiting the College Fund. FOX 8 produced and aired a :20 PSA to promote the event. Several FOX 8 personalities participated in the event as celebrity servers and hosts. News teased the event in newscasts and ran a story the night of.

2005 GREATER CLEVELAND SPORTS AWARDS

February 23

FOX 8 sponsored the 2005 Greater Cleveland Sports Awards benefiting the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. FOX 8 produced and aired a :30 and a :10 PSA promoting the event. News ran teasers in newscasts and also broadcast live from the event. FOX 8 sportscaster, Tony Rizzo was very involved in the event.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER

March 1-31

FOX 8's public service commitment this winter revolved around the Cleveland Foodbank's Harvest for Hunger campaign. The month-long drive supports more than 540 emergency food programs throughout Northeast Ohio and helps to feed more than 620,000 hungry men, women and children in the area. FOX 8 lent its support in a number of ways:

- Provided news coverage throughout the month for Harvest for Hunger events, such as news conferences, school rallies and fund-raising competitions
- Teased Harvest for Hunger events in newscasts, while reminding viewers to help the campaign
- Interviewed Harvest for Hunger representative in-studio to promote kick-off of campaign
- Booked many FOX 8 talent to host or appear at several Harvest for Hunger events, including the important Celebrity Soup fund-raiser
- Aired :15 Harvest for Hunger PSAs regularly throughout the campaign.

THE AKRON WINE OPENER

March 31

FOX 8 sponsored the Cystic Fibrosis Akron Wine Opener, part of a national wine tasting series featuring great wine and sumptuous cuisine from the area's finest restaurants. FOX 8's Tracy McCool served as mistress of ceremonies and the station produced and ran a :15 and :20 PSA promoting the event. This was the first year for this event in Akron. More than 300 people attended the event raising about \$30,000 for The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.